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Attorney General John Ashcroft

US Department of Justice

950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW

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Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

This is to ask that you give your approval to the agreement between the Department of Justice and Microsoft. It is time to put this matter to rest. The two parties have worked for three years to settle it and we should abide by their efforts. Any further action will only be a waste of taxpayers' money. The fact there was a lawsuit at all is annoying to me. Bill Gates worked long and hard to make his company successful. Now, he is being punished for it. This lawsuit was more a political ploy than any shady business dealings on the part of a company.

Microsoft has also acceded to many of the requests of the Department of Justice. Microsoft will have an oversight committee to monitor future actions; Microsoft has agreed to help companies better achieve a degree of reliability with regard to their networking software. Microsoft will give computer makers broad new rights to configure Windows to promote non-Microsoft software programs. This is more than fair

Give your approval to this agreement. It is time to go forward. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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